

Warden Message
Update on Tungurahua Volcano

June 14, 2010 – 5:01 p.m.

LATEST UPDATE:

Provided by Instituto Geofísico Nacional: <http://www.igepn.edu.ec/>

- During the last weekend, the Tungurahua volcano has experienced a significant decrease in explosive activity, going from 50 to 70 strong explosions a day up until June 11, to less than 10 explosions a day in the last 72 hours.

There have been continued sporadic ash columns reaching up to three to four kilometers above the summit. The content of ash has dropped to low to moderate.

Based on these parameters, the Geophysical Institute believes that this decline in activity recorded and observed through today means that the possibility of large explosive eruption **has declined significantly**.

AIRPORT INFORMATION:

- At this time all airports in Ecuador remain open

REPORT OF AMERICAN CITIZENS AFFECTED:

- There are no reports to date of American Citizens affected by the volcanic activity. However, per the advisory sent on Friday, June 4, 2010 to all American citizens in Ecuador, U.S. citizens are advised to defer all travel and lodging in the Baños area and the area of the volcano for the foreseeable future. Further, the Embassy encourages any American citizens living in the Baños area and the area of the volcano to consider evacuation until the activity subsides.

Americans living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration website <https://travelregistration.state.gov> , and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador.

Americans without Internet access may register directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency. Please see the following links for local Warden Message information in Quito and Guayaquil, respectively: <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov/> and <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>.

U.S. citizens should consult the [Country Specific Information](#) for Ecuador and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution at the Department's web site at <http://travel.state.gov>. Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is located at Avigiras E12-170 y Eloy Alfaro. The hours and telephone number for American Citizen Service enquiries is (011) 593-2-398-5000. Within the same city use the last seven digits. Add the city code for intercity telephone calls. Public call-in hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and Friday 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Appointments for passports, Consular Reports of Birth Abroad (CRBAs) or Notaries can be scheduled through the Embassy Web site: <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov>. Appointment times for passports and Consular Reports of Birth Abroad (CRBAs) and are between 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, excluding U.S. and Ecuadorian holidays. Appointment times for Notary services are Monday and Thursday from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

Appointments times for Immigrant Visas are Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 pm and should be scheduled through the Call Center at 1-800-010-145.

No appointment is required for adoptions and re-entry permits. Walk-ins are welcome Monday through Thursday between 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Walk-ins for Federal Benefits are accepted Tuesday and Wednesday between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Walk-ins for reports of death, to pick up passports or CRBAs or for emergencies are accepted Monday through Thursday between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

The U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil is located at the corner of Avenida 9 de Octubre and Garcia Moreno (near the Hotel Oro Verde); telephone (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies; fax (011-593-4) 232-0904. See the Consulate General web site at <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>.